



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Andrew Guy Livingston

FOR : **METHOD FOR REMOVING AND
RECOVERING AROMATIC AMINES
BY USING A NON-POROUS
MEMBRANE**

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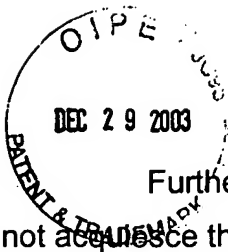
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of the claims in the present application. However, applicant must respectfully traverse the Examiner's Statements for Reasons for Allowance. An interpretation of the claims has been imported in relation to the prior art that is recited in imprecise language, which places an unwarranted interpretation on the claims. Such characterization of the claims in view of the prior art does not properly take into account the applicants' claimed invention as reflected in the specification and applicants' response to the Examiner's office actions.

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Further, while applicants believe that the claims are allowable, applicants do not acquiesce that the patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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